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Jim Runquist TME Asphalt Ridge LLC 4526 Ridgeview Dr. Eagan, MN 55123

Subject: Review of Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, TME

Asphalt Ridge LLC, TME Asphalt Ridge Mine, M0470089, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Runquist:

The Division has completed its first review of your draft amended Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the TME Asphalt Ridge Mine, received December 11, 2008. The attached comments will need to be addressed before approval may be granted.

As per R647-1-106, "A series of related properties under the control of a single operator, but separated by small parcels of land controlled by others will be considered a single site. The two adjacent 5-acre small mine notices, Cameron 1 Project S0470036 and TME AR Lecy Mine S0470088, need to be consolidated into the one large mine permit M0470089. When the plan for M0470089 has been modified to include the two small mines, the surety bonding for the large mine will need to be modified to reflect the acres to be disturbed, and the two small mine notices will be closed and the bonds released.

Send replacement pages of the original notice using redline and strikeout text and indicate how the two small mines are to be incorporated into the current approved plan using Form-MR-REV-att found on the Divisions web page. After the notice is determined technically complete you will be asked to send us two final clean copies, and one will be returned.

If you have any questions in this regard please contact me at 801-538-5261 or Leslie Heppler of the minerals staff at 801-538-5257. If you wish to discuss this review, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

Minerals Program Manager

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cc: Ames - Lenny Boteilho; SITLA - Will Stokes

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